

Clean Air Act (CAA) & PCBs

PCBs are a designated hazardous air pollutant under the [Clean Air Act](#). Section 112(c)(6) of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requires that the EPA identify and regulate sources of PCBs. PCB incinerators and other authorized PCB activities must be in compliance with the requirements of the CAA.

The EPA also established National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) under the CAA to protect the public and lists PCBs as one of 33 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) presenting the greatest threat to public health in urban areas.

Section 112(c)(6) requires that the EPA identify sources PCBs, as well as many other Hazardous Air Pollutants. EPA has identified the following source categories as sources of PCB emissions to the air:

- Municipal Waste Combustion
- Medical Waste Incineration
- Hazardous Waste Incineration
- Sewage Sludge Incineration
- Other Biological Incineration
- Scrap Tire Incineration
- Utility Boilers – Residual Oil Combustion
- Industrial Boilers - Residual Oil Combustion